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**Of Family**

Family serves for necessity, for affection, and for instruction. Their chief use for necessity is found in providing me with a home to live in, food to eat, and a bed to sleep in; for affection, is in the love and companionship provided to each other; for instruction, is in the lessons learned from them. To depend too much upon a family for necessity is laziness, for affection is clinginess, and for instruction is a lack of an individual path. Crafty men will use their families, simple men will taken them for granted, but wise men will appreciate them; for they know that family shares a bond stronger than any friendship or partnership that can ever be forged. A family is not to be disowned and discarded, but embraced and enjoyed, nor to be forgotten and forsaken, but remembered and revered. Friends maketh a sociable man; enemies a strong man; and family a happy man. And therefore, if a man has few friends he will become reserved, and will have to work harder to meet others; if he has few enemies he will become weak, and able to be exploited when one finally comes along; but if a man has no family he will become sullen and depressed, and will not be able to live a full life. Mothers make men loving; fathers strong; brothers resilient; sisters protective; grandfathers knowledgeable; grandmothers spoiled; cousins worldly; aunts and uncles traditional. Nay, just as every disease has a medication as its remedy, there is no predicament or injury in which a family may not aid. So if a man’s love is in jeopardy, let him confer with his mother, if his honor is threatened let him consider his father. So in every crisis in life may a solution lay in one’s family.